Arrested judge back on bench

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Criminal District Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr., one of 14 persons arrested by police in a vice raid Wednesday night, was back on the bench Thursday.

"Oh well," sighed the judge as he entered the court building, "it's not the end of the world."

Judge Haggerty, who presided at the Clay Shaw trial last winter, was booked with soliciting for prostitution, obscenity, resisting arrest and four counts of assault on a policeman. He was released from jail on his own recognizance.

Newsmen, invited by police on the raid at a New Orleans motel room, saw the silver-haired 56-year-old judge struggle to escape before he was handcuffed.

Police Maj. Joseph Murry said three women and 10 other men were arrested in the room of the DeVille Motel, 10 blocks from Haggerty's courtroom, where the $5 per person "stag party" allegedly occurred.